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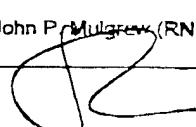
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In response to the final office action mailed August 13, 2002, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for entry and consideration during the examination of the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

A marked up copy of the claims showing insertions and deletions is attached as Attachment A. Please cancel claims 19, 27, 37-39, 40, and 44. In addition, please amend the claims as follows:

14. (Amended) A method of automatically inspecting a printed indicia on a game ball, which comprises the steps of:

applying the printed indicia to the game ball;  
passing the game ball through an automated inspection system; and  
determining conformance of the printed indicia to a predetermined standard.

15. (Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the step of determining conformance further comprises the step of:

generating an analysis signal indicative of whether the printed indicia conforms to the predetermined standard.